GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA MYANMAR GAS LINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of the Union Government to construct an India Myanmar gas line through Bangladesh has been finalised;

(b) if so, whether the Government has fixed any time frame for commissioning the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): No, Sir. India pursued the import of natural gas from A1 and A3 blocks in Myanmar. For evacuation of gas from Myanmar, initially, the option of laying a pipeline through Bangladesh was considered. However, owing to differences with Bangladesh, the alternative option of pipeline through north−eastern states of India, bypassing Bangladesh, had to be considered. Subsequently, Myanmar has taken a decision to sell the gas to China.

(b) & (c): Do not arise in view of reply of (a) above.